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Govt school teachers, headmasters must remain present in school as state prohibits them from attending other meets during teaching hours

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Deconcretisation of tree bases may have been ordered, but officials have their plate full and so they will not be freeing the trees any time soon

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35,000+ theft cases reported in city over 5 years, but conviction rate is measly 0.44%; in 2025, of 3,321 cases, only 1 reached resolution; 278 are dragging along in legal maze while 2,837 are still under investigation

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

Police say stolen property is recovered, but conviction in court remains challenge

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Around 35,832 theft cases have been reported in Bengaluru in the last five years, but the conviction rate remains worryingly low at 0.44%, raising serious concerns over the efficiency of the city's justice delivery system. Officials attribute the poor conviction rate primarily to a lack of technical and scientific evidence during investigations.

In 2025, up to May 25 alone, Bengaluru witnessed 3,321 theft-related cases from chain snatching and house break-ins to vehicle and cattle thefts. Yet, despite the large numbers, justice was delivered in just one case. While 278 cases are still crawling through the courts, a staggering 2,837 remain under investigation reflecting how slow the system is in delivering justice.

"It's not enough to rely on statements alone. We need solid, technical evidence to secure convictions, and that's where we often fall short —Saidulu Adavath, DCP (North)

According to Saidulu Adavath DCP (North), a vast majority of the cases do not progress beyond the trial stage due to insufficient evidence. "We do manage to recover stolen property, But the challenge lies in the lack of strong technical or supportive evidence. For instance, if someone steals 10 grams of gold, they often divide it and pass it on,

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Don't share the load

Open trucks carrying construction material leave behind trail of disruption on city's roads

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Construction activity is booming across Bengaluru, but there comes a rising hazard, tempos and trucks carrying mud, sand, gravel, and stones without proper covering. These uncovered vehicles routinely spill their loads onto city roads, endangering commuters and placing the burden of clean-up on the already stretched traffic police and BBMP sanitation workers.

On June 29, BBMP workers and traffic police cleared a hazardous buildup of gravel and sand on 5th Main Road (Post Office Junction) in RPC Layout. According to the Vijayanagar Traffic Police, such occurrences have become frequent in their limits, especially on roads that are popular among two-wheeler commuters.

"BBMP cleans the roads every morning, but by afternoon, we find mud and stones scattered again due to uncovered construction vehicles. Hence, we clean the roads

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THINGS TO DO

01 Timeless grace

Students of Aangik Dance School are presenting 'Kathak through the eras', a celebration of timeless grace, rhythm, and storytelling of Kathak, showcasing the evolution of the dance form. **Where: ADA Rangamandira, JC Road; When: July 6, 6 pm**

02 Canvas chronicles

Bharati Sagar, a Bangalore based senior artist is doing a solo show titled 'A Tryst with Nature', that aims to compel the viewer to enter a world of fantasy in a tryst with nature's beings. **Where: MKF Museum of Art, Lavelle Road; When: June 21 to July 2, 11 am to 6.30 pm**

03 Stage saga

With a 90-minute storytelling show of deeply personal stories and reflections, Amandeep Khayal is presenting an exploration of the true meaning of dreams, with emotion, humour, and a touch of poetry. **Where: Prabhath Kala Sambhrama, Hombegowda Nagar; When: July 4, 7.30 pm**

04 Curtain call

Museum of Art and Photography is presenting 'Maati Katha', a story of human resilience in the midst of fragility—a resilience that enables diverse communities to hold together through repeated upheavals of natural calamity and human violence. **Where: Museum of Art and Photography, Ashok Nagar; When: July 5, 5.30 pm**

05 Historic healing

Indian Institute of World Culture is hosting a unique and thought-provoking exhibition as part of a continuing effort to commemorate Doctors' Day by exploring India's rich healing heritage. **Where: Indian Institute of World Culture, Basavanagudi; When: July 1 to 4, 10 am to 7 pm**

No meetings during school hours, says government

Move aims to protect instructional time, enhance quality of education, and ensure that students remain engaged in regular academic activities without interruptions

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In a bid to improve learning outcomes and ensure uninterrupted classroom instruction, the Department of School Education and Literacy has issued strict guidelines mandating that all government school teachers and headmasters remain present in school during teaching hours. The department has directed that under the Right to Education Act, both teaching and learning must take place daily without disruption, and the physical presence of educators is crucial to achieving this goal.

Restriction on meetings

The circular clearly prohibits the deputation of teachers or headmasters for any training programs, workshops, meetings, or other activities during school days and school hours. This applies even to orders issued orally or through official channels. Even district-level authorities such as Deputy Commissioners and Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Panchayats have been instructed not to issue such directives.

All field officers, including Deputy Directors of Public Instruction (DDPIs), Block Education Officers (BEOs), and principals of DIETs (District Institutes of Education and Training), have been instructed not to conduct any video conferences or in-person meetings with teachers or headmasters during school hours. Any school visit by officials must be scheduled in such a way that it does not interfere with classroom activities.

No external programmes allowed

The department has also taken a strict stance on student participation in external events. It has barred schools from sending students as audience members or participants to programmes or events held outside the school during class hours. This move aims to ensure students remain engaged in regular academic activities without unnecessary interruptions.

External exams prohibited

Further, the government has forbidden the conduct of any external examinations—such as those organised by the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) or other state/central government or private bodies—within school campuses on working days. If such exams must be conducted in school premises, they should only be scheduled during public holidays or summer vacations. Violation of this directive will attract disciplinary action against the concerned authorities, including DDPIs, BEOs, DIET principals, and headmasters.

Teachers exempted from data entry

The c\ircular also addresses the issue of data entry. No departmental officer, regardless of rank, is allowed to instruct teachers or headmasters—either verbally or in writing—to perform data entry tasks for private companies or knowledge partners in any software. Any officer violating this rule will face disciplinary measures.

Non-teaching activities not permitted

The directive clearly states that even Deputy Commissioners (DCs) and Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of Zilla Panchayats are not permitted to summon teachers for non-teaching activities while classes are in session. The decision aims to ensure that teaching staff remain fully dedicated to classroom instruction during designated school hours, which are fixed from 10.20 am to 4.30 pm in most regions.

Teachers' unions have welcomed the move, stating that their primary responsibility is teaching and they should be relieved from additional administrative tasks. "This is a step in the right direction to improve quality of education," said Chandrashekhar Nuggalli, State General Secretary of the Primary School Teachers' Association. Any violation of the directive will lead to denial of On Official Duty (OOD) status and teachers will not be excused from regular teaching responsibilities.

Guidelines effective immediately

The new set of directives, signed by V Rashmi Mahesh, Principal Secretary to the Government, Department of School Education and Literacy, comes into immediate effect. These measures are seen as a significant step towards protecting instructional time and enhancing the quality of education in Karnataka's government schools.

UG-CET 2025 online correction window open from July 4

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has announced that candidates appearing for UG-CET 2025 will be allowed to make corrections to their application forms online till July 4. KEA Executive Director H Prasanna clarified that only those who genuinely require changes should use this correction window. As a result of this provision, the previously scheduled offline document verification process at the KEA office from July 2 to 4 has been cancelled. Candidates who had already booked slots for in-person verification are no longer required to visit the office and must complete necessary corrections through the online portal itself. Over 10,000 correction requests have been received so far, indicating a high demand for this online facility.

The KEA has emphasised that if the details on the candidates' verification slips are accurate, there is no need to log in again. Only those with mandatory corrections should proceed with changes. After making corrections, updated verification slips can be downloaded from July 5 onwards. Candidates can correct category details, income, and RD numbers related to the 371(J) certificate online. Class A candidates who were not verified via SATS number, and those whose rural study or Kannada medium study details have not been verified, must complete verification at their respective PU colleges or the nearest government PU college by July 4. Candidates from Class B to Class O who missed the earlier document verification must visit the KEA office till July 4. The online correction facility was introduced to avoid the inconvenience of summoning thousands of students from across Karnataka to Bengaluru. **— BMB**

BBMP instructed to clear pending RT-PCR payments

The Karnataka High Court has instructed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to clear outstanding payments to BGS Global Institute of Medical Sciences and Vijayalakshmi Diagnostics Private Limited for RT-PCR testing services rendered during the COVID-19 pandemic between 2020 and 2022. Justice SR Krishna Kumar issued this directive on distinct petitions, mandating BBMP to settle the accounts with 6 per cent interest. The court ordered BBMP to pay Rs 5,88,91,359 with 6 per cent annual interest from November 11, 2022, until payment completion to Vijayalakshmi Diagnostics Private Limited, Bengaluru. Additionally, BGS Global Institute of Medical Sciences, Bengaluru, is to receive Rs 4,53,50,711 with 6 per cent annual interest from October 17, 2022, until full settlement. The court observed that BBMP had confirmed using the petitioners' services during the pandemic, following government and ICMR guidelines, and acknowledged the payment obligations. **— BMB**

Online case tracking in revenue courts with RCCMS 2.0

The state government has made it mandatory to implement the 'Revenue Court Case Management System 2.0' (RCCMS 2.0) across DC, AC, and Tahsildar courts. This software enables online filing of cases, tracking of hearings, viewing of orders, and real-time updates of proceedings, ensuring that all details are accessible at fingertips. This platform is integrated with the Bhoomi land software, allowing automated updates to land records within 12 hours of a court's order—preventing delays and curbing fraudulent property transactions. Previously, delays in updating land records after case resolutions had led to illegal sales and manipulation. RCCMS was first introduced in 2014, and its upgraded version was successfully piloted in Mandya before being expanded statewide. Now, citizens can view case progress and order details online, ensuring transparency and quick redressal. Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda emphasised that this digitisation not only speeds up justice but also strengthens land ownership clarity for citizens. **— BMB**

Roots still buried, authorities struggle to MAKE CONCRETE BREAKTHROUGH

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Activists urge BBMP to clear concrete around tree bases during monsoon, calling it ideal time for natural water absorption; despite orders and NGT guidelines, trees across city remain choked and unstable

The Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment of Karnataka issued a Government Order (GO) on June 10, stating that tree bases across the state be deconcretised to promote their health and survival. The GO was issued on directions from Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre.

However, the work to deconcretise avenue trees in Bengaluru is far from getting started on the ground.

A senior official from Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) told BM that the work is not expected to start anytime soon.

"The teams are busy with a lot of other work. Deconcretisation of trees will not start immediately," said the official. City-based activists say Bengaluru has been experiencing excessive and unusual tree fall incidents, mainly due to unkept trees.

"It is baffling to know that they are not taking it up as a priority. This is the right time to deconcretise the tree due to the ongoing monsoon. Once the tree bases are cleared of concrete, trees will receive water naturally, and no expenditure will be needed. This project has been overdue. If budget is a constraint, it should come from BBMP's Road Department," said Dattatreya Devare, trustee of Bangalore Environment Trust.

Experts say the Road Infrastructure Department should incorporate a special clause in their agreement with contractors to ensure that trees are not concreted up to their bases, and one metre around the tree has been left open.

In the past, multiple benches of the National Green Tribunal across the country have passed orders in multiple cases concerning the concretisation of trees. NGT has reiterated that there shall be no concrete or construction material work at least within a one-metre radius of the trunk of trees.

Moreover, all paving tiles, road construction materials within a one-metre radius of tree bases must be removed to ensure that rainwater seeps through to the roots. The tribunals have also stated that trees that have died or are beyond restoration shall be replaced with adequate species of trees.

"Trees across the city remain dangerously choked in concrete, making them unstable and posing serious risks to pedestrians and motorists during heavy winds and rains. Despite clear directions from the BBMP's (CAC), there has been little or no action on the ground to protect our city's green cover. It is deeply disheartening to witness Bengaluru's trees being slowly killed not by neglect, but by active concretisation that suffocates their roots. We urge immediate action, and work to start to deconcretise the trees and safeguard the lives of citizens," said Vinod Jacob, Namma Bengaluru Foundation.

Activists say BBMP's Climate Action Cell should rope in citizen volunteers to pinpoint locations of trees that need to be deconcretised.

"Nearly a month ago, a group of volunteers went around in Domlur and identified many trees with concrete bases. Citizen volunteers can provide information to CAC on locations," added Devare.

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Concrete cuffs still strangle city trees

Despite clear orders from top officials, concretisation around trees continues unchecked in B'luru, endangering their survival; environmentalists urge BBMP to prioritise prevention

BM reported on June 27 that despite orders from the State Forest Minister and BBMP officials, concretisation around trees continues unchecked in Bengaluru

KIA hit with new threat

Staff at Kempegowda International Airport received an email threat on Sunday, warning of a possible bomb attack on the premises. The airport police registered an FIR on Monday and launched a probe.

According to the complaint filed by Laly Mary Francis, an official with the Airport Authority of India (AAI), the threat was sent to their official email ID. The message read, "Powerful explosive devices are hidden inside backpacks placed around the Airport. You must evacuate the building urgently. You must hurry, or the people inside will die, lose their arms and legs, or even get decapitated. WE, 'Roadkill' and 'Kyo' are the culprits behind this terror attack."

Taking no chances, the authorities initiated a full security sweep of the premises. The threat was later declared a hoax. However, an FIR has been registered. The cyber team is now working to trace the origin of the email using the sender's IP address.

Car overturns, five dead

Five persons were killed and three others critically injured after a car overturned while trying to overtake a truck on the outskirts of Doddaballapur early Tuesday morning. The deceased have been identified as Eshwarappa (75), Kalappa (69), Purushotham (62), Narasimhamurthy (50), who was driving the car, and Gopinath (52). The injured, Kumara, Nagappa, and Shivaram, were admitted to a private hospital with serious injuries.

According to police, all the victims were residents of Karenahalli. They had hired a cab to visit a temple at Bheemeshwara Betta.

The accident occurred near Makalidurga when Narasimhamurthy, who was driving, attempted to overtake a truck in a rash and negligent manner. On spotting a bus approaching from the opposite direction, he lost control of the vehicle.

The car veered off the road and rolled over nearly eight times before coming to a halt.

Fake firms, mule accounts: Four arrested in cyber fraud

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Hundreds of fake companies were set up across various parts of Bengaluru by enticing unsuspecting individuals with offers of money. These individuals were then used to open hundreds of bank accounts in the name of various companies. Based on intelligence inputs about those selling their accounts to cybercrime syndicates, the CCB launched a tracking operation, leading to the arrest of four individuals.

During the investigation, officials uncovered over 357 mule accounts linked to cyber fraud cases across the country. According to the Commissioner of Police, preliminary findings reveal that transactions worth crores of rupees took place through these accounts. So far, 100 cases have been registered on the NCRP (National Cybercrime Reporting Portal) nationwide.

City police commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh explains, "The investigation is still ongoing regarding the exact amount involved, but preliminary estimates suggest that transactions exceeding ₹150 crore may have taken place. With the perpetrators frequently changing their modus operandi.

The accused misused the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Udyam Portal to open bank accounts in the name of daily wage workers to open accounts, which were then misused for cybercrimes. Most of these workers come from low-income backgrounds and were unaware of the larger fraud, though they received extra payments.

For every ₹1 lakh transaction, the

account holders received ₹4,000 as commission. It appears they were lured by the financial benefit."

According to research conducted by the Centre for Cybercrime Investigation Training & Research, it explains that mule account holders typically receive 5 to 10% of each transaction, with the amount usually being passed down to them through a chain of mediators or agents.

So far, we have arrested four individuals. We are currently verifying multiple accounts linked to the case. Some shell companies and fake bank accounts have also been identified. However, many of those involved claim they do not know the original source of the money.

In cybercrime cases, fraudulent funds are often routed through several accounts to conceal their origin. If victims report such incidents in time, we can act swiftly to freeze the funds before they are withdrawn or moved further," said Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh.

According to CCB police officials, four individuals have been arrested so far, and several others are suspected to be involved. The accused have been identified as Lakshmeesh N, 33, a loan recovery agent, Prakash H, 43, a private firm employee, Sunil Kumar, 45 and Puttaswamy, 54, a car driver.

The investigation is still underway. Preliminary findings suggest the involvement of certain bank employees in facilitating the opening of mule accounts. From the arrested suspects, police have seized one laptop, four mobile phones from different brands, cheque books from various banks, and several documents.

The arrested individuals hail from areas within Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara. Recently, a study on the use of money mules by the Centre for Cybercrime Investigation Training & Research explains that according to the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), nearly 4,000 mule accounts are reported across the country every single day.

Delayed pay, rusted chimney leave crematorium in bad shape

Contract workers earning ₹10,550 monthly say delayed salaries have pushed them into financial distress, even as BBMP promises HRMS-based payments soon

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Around 40 people working at 12 electric crematoria across the city have been facing a lot of problems due to the delay in disturbing salaries by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). The workers said that it is not the first time their salaries are delayed.

The workers said BBMP authorities have assured them that their salaries will soon be credited directly to their bank accounts, in line with regular employees. These 40 contract workers each earn ₹10,550 per month. "It has become difficult for me to make ends meet without a salary for four months. I appreciate the BBMP's decision to deposit our wages directly into our bank accounts, but the delay in receiving payments has been very hard," said an employee working at the Kalpalli electric crematorium.

The employees working on a contract basis said the BBMP authorities have collected the necessary documents from them to facilitate disbursement of salary through the Human Resource Management System (HRMS) four months ago.

> **"The chimney is in a bad condition and it may fall on our dwellings. We are worried about our safety. The people who visit the crematorium are also vulnerable to danger** – Crematorium Worker

Five people are working at Kengeri Electric Crematorium; four employees are working at Sumanahalli Electric Crematorium, five at Kalpalli, three at Medi Agrahara, three at Hebbal, four at Peenya, four at Banashankari, four at Bommanahalli, four at Harishchandra Ghat and two at Mysore Road Electric Crematorium.

"I welcome the BBMP's decision to pay salaries to the people working at burial grounds and electric crematoria through the HRMS. I appeal to the BBMP authorities to complete the process without any delay and disburse salaries to the employees who are working on a contract basis," said Shauri Raj, Secretary, Dr BR Ambedkar Burial Ground and Electric Crematoria Workers' Union.

When contacted, BBMP Chief Engineer (Electrical) Ananda V, said that he was aware of some employees were not paid salary from February and some of them from March. "I have been trying to contact executive engineers of the respective areas to make arrangements for the disbursement of salaries to the people working at the electric crematoria," said the chief engineer.

Chimney poses danger

With the delay in replacing the rusted chimney at Kalpalli Electric Crematorium, a few families residing on the premises are vulnerable to danger. It is quite disgusting that the BBMP authorities have not taken measures to replace the rusted chimney despite two chimney falling incidents – one at Harishchandra Ghat and another at Hebbal – a few years ago. Fortunately, no casualties were reported. "The chimney is in a bad condition and it may fall on our dwellings. We are worried about our safety. The people who visit the crematorium are also vulnerable to danger," said a worker.

Rusted chimney at Kalpalli Electric Crematorium

Inspection

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath inspected the Wilson Garden Electric Crematorium on Monday and emphasised the need to maintain cleanliness in and around the facility. Of the two furnaces at the crematorium, one is currently under construction. He instructed officials to expedite its completion. He also directed authorities to ensure basic amenities for families attending funeral services and proposed the construction of two additional furnaces to meet the rising demand. Additionally, he asked BBMP engineers to identify suitable locations for setting up more pet crematoria across the city.

B'luru commuters shell out more as hikes take toll

Commuters in Bengaluru are feeling the pinch of revised toll charges across several major routes, including NICE Road, Hosur Road, the Electronic City Elevated Expressway, and the soon-to-be-tolled Karnataka stretch of the Hoskote–Krishnapatnam Expressway. The hikes—ranging from modest increases for two-wheelers to steep surges for multi-axle freight vehicles—have significantly increased travel costs for regular commuters, commercial operators, and logistics companies.

NICE Road sees sharp toll hike

The latest revision in toll rates along NICE Road has made commuting notably costlier. The updated charges, now applicable across all stretches, reflect a noticeable increase across vehicle categories. For example, car users now pay ₹65 for the 8.74 km Hosur Road–Bannerghatta Road stretch and ₹70 for the 9.55 km Mysuru Road–Magadi Road segment. Shorter stretches like Cloverleaf Junction–Mysuru Road (3.88 km) now cost ₹33 for cars and ₹50 for trucks.

Two-wheelers, previously subject to lower tolls, are now charged up to ₹30 on longer routes. Heavy vehicles face steeper hikes—trucks pay ₹105 between Magadi Road and Tumakuru Road, and ₹140 from Mysuru Road to Magadi Road. Buses pay as much as ₹205 on certain stretches. The toll for the NICE Link Road now touches ₹75 for cars and ₹200 for buses.

Hosur Road, Electronic City Expressway rates up by 15–20%

Tolls have also risen on Hosur Road and the Electronic City Elevated Expressway, with hikes ranging from 15% to 20%. For two-wheelers, multiple journey passes have increased from ₹35 to ₹40, and monthly passes from ₹720 to ₹755.

Car users now pay ₹65 for a single journey (earlier ₹60), ₹95 for return (up from ₹90), and ₹1,885 for a monthly pass (up from ₹1,795). Light commercial vehicles are charged ₹90, ₹130, and ₹2,640 for single, return, and monthly trips. Trucks and buses now pay ₹175, ₹265, and ₹5,275, while multi-axle vehicles see the steepest rise—₹330 single, ₹530 return, and ₹10,550 monthly (up from ₹8,780).

At Attibele toll plaza, cars pay up to ₹130, and multi-axle vehicles up to ₹7,915.

Hoskote–Krishnapatnam Expressway toll imminent

The NHAI is preparing to toll the new Bengaluru–Chennai Expressway. Preliminary rates suggest ₹150 one-way and ₹225 return for cars; heavy vehicles may pay up to ₹780 for a round trip.

Public reaction

"Cumulative toll hikes across multiple corridors are affecting affordability, especially for daily IT commuters and freight operators," said Ranjit Deshpande, a regular traveller. "It's becoming harder to justify these charges without reliable alternatives." — BMB

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Illegal hoardings

RT Nagar

Residents of 3rd Main, RT Nagar, are upset over a flood of political and celebrity banners put up for a restaurant launch. Calling it visual pollution, they question the unchecked defacement of public spaces.

Wire exposed

Seppings Road

A broken electric feeder pillar box on Seppings Road near a park stands wide open, exposing live wires. Located on a busy footpath, it poses a grave danger to pedestrians. Urgent repairs are needed.

Pedestrian danger

Rajajinagar

On Dr Rajkumar Road in Rajajinagar's 2nd Block, unsecured pipes and constant heavy vehicle movement have created dangerous conditions for pedestrians. Authorities must act swiftly to reorganise the pipes and restore public safety

Shops on lake land turn spots of bother

Residents of Doddathoguru allege illegal shops on lake land attracting teens with restricted products, those who protest are threatened; despite complaints to officials and cops, no action is taken as after every raid, pushcarts are back again

Vendors have set up shop on lake land in Doddathoguru; residents of area say they create nuisance

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Residents of Doddathoguru are up in arms over the encroachment of the lake land by a few vendors. They complain that the vendors are not only polluting the environment but also selling tobacco products to minors, thus violating the norms of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COPTA).

The residents said that they have complained to the authorities concerned about the menace of the vendors, but no action has been taken to end this nuisance. They said that one of the vendors attacked a resident with a steel rod for questioning the sale of tobacco products to minors.

"The victim complained to the police about the vendor. The police promptly visited the spot but, as expected, left the spot without taking action against the vendor. We hesitate to confront them as they hurl abuse at us and even attack us with steel rods," said a resident pleading anonymity.

> **"The police have promptly visited the spot but, as expected, left the spot without taking action against the vendor. We hesitate to confront them** —Resident

The residents said that they have already complained to the Doddathoguru Town Panchayat authorities against encroachment of the lake because the lake falls under their jurisdiction. "The vendors close the shops when the police or Panchayat officials visit the spot. They open the shops as soon as the officials leave the spot. Many people wander on the lake and smoke cigarettes," said Jeethendar, a resident.

Meanwhile, Vani Kanna, a resident, has sent an email to the BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) Chief Commissioner Maheshwar Rao, on June 23, narrating how the shops on the lake land have become a nuisance for the residents. She said that the residents have already complained to the police about the encroachment of the lake.

However, the BBMP PGrM (Public Grievance Redressal Management) Cell has forwarded the mail to the authorities concerned and copied it to Vani Kanna to take immediate action.

Meanwhile, Doddathogur Town Panchayat Chief Officer TK Naveen Kumar said that he visited the spot on Tuesday morning and ordered the people to close the shops. However, the residents claim that the shops have been reopened as soon as the Chief Officer left the spot.

When informed, the Chief Officer said that he would take suitable action to remove those shops.

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X in HC: Arbitrary content removal notices

X Corp India informed the Karnataka High Court about a notice from the Ministry of Railways requesting the removal of content showing a woman driving on railway tracks in Hyderabad.

Senior Advocate KG Raghavan, representing the company, discussed the June 26 notice, expressing concerns about arbitrary notices. He questioned whether social media posts of such incidents constitute unlawful content.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta objected to the characterisation of government officials, emphasising their statutory authority. He stated that social media platforms must operate within regulatory frameworks, as they do in other nations.

Justice M Nagaprasanna advised that the memo requires proper service and response time. He expressed disapproval of the disrespectful references to Union of India officers.

X Corp's petition seeks clarification on Section 79(3)(b) IT Act regarding information blocking orders, asserting these should follow Section 69A procedures and Information Technology Rules.

The platform requests protection from coercive actions related to Information Blocking Orders not aligned with section 69A of the IT Act and blocking rules.

Senior Advocate Aditya Sondhi, representing digital media houses, presented their intervention application, citing concerns about content removal affecting content creators.

The court questioned the intervention's relevance, whilst Sondhi explained their stake as content creators affected by takedown orders.

Mehta opposed third-party interventions, stating X Corp's capability to represent itself independently.

The court scheduled the final hearing for July 8, allowing petition amendments and directing the Union of India to respond to the impleading application. —BMB

Fire breaks out at Victoria Hospital

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A fire incident was reported in the early hours of Tuesday at Victoria Hospital's Burns Block (MBCC), caused by a short circuit in a switchboard located in the seminar room. The incident occurred around 3 am, prompting immediate action from the fire department, which quickly extinguished the flames. At the time of the incident, a total of 26 burn patients were admitted to the ward, including 14 males, 5 females, and 7 children. Among them, five patients were in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Due to the smoke and as a precautionary measure, all patients were promptly shifted to the H Block of Victoria Hospital to ensure their continued safety and care. Hospital authorities confirmed that all patients, their attenders, doctors, and hospital staff are safe. The fire was contained swiftly, and the situation is fully under control. —BMB

DGP calls for clearing of backlog

A new wave of efficiency and compassion has swept through the Karnataka police department following strict directives from Director General of Police (DGP) Dr MA Saleem. The DGP has instructed officers to ensure that files related to promotions, transfers, and compassionate appointments are cleared without delay. In just one month, over 70 sub-inspectors and inspectors have received long-awaited promotions, while nearly 20 police families, who had been awaiting employment on compassionate grounds after the loss of their loved ones, have finally been given job placements.

Taking serious note of pending files that had left many officers in limbo, the DGP has emphasised a "no backlog on my desk" approach. He has mandated that all file work be completed the same day and warned against unnecessary delays. Saleem also clarified that promotions based on service seniority should be granted the very next day after retirement of existing staff, and that recommendations for compassionate appointments should be made to other departments if vacancies are unavailable within the police force. This decisive push from the top has brought much-needed relief and motivation to personnel who had been stuck in administrative bottlenecks for years. —BMB

Big cats in danger: K'taka has lost 82 tigers in last five years

But it was shocking deaths in MM Hills that jolted government into action; minister demands probe into rising fatalities, asks officials to take deeper look at poaching

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Male tiger deaths under scrutiny as officials probe poisoning, poaching, and enforcement lapses in K'taka

The recent deaths of five tigers under suspicious circumstances within the Male Mahadeshwara Hills Wildlife Sanctuary have sparked national concern. Over the past five and a half years, Karnataka alone has witnessed the deaths of 82 tigers.

Despite stringent wildlife protection laws aimed at conserving tigers, incidents of poaching and unnatural deaths especially poisoning continue to surface across the country. Karnataka, known for its rich tiger habitats, is no exception. While several deaths occur naturally, the growing number of unnatural fatalities remains a serious concern.

According to data from the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), India recorded 662 tiger deaths between 2020 and June 28, 2025. A significant number of these occurred within tiger reserves. Karnataka accounted for 82 of these fatalities—14 in 2020, 15 in 2021, 18 in 2022, 12 in 2023, and 14 in 2024. So far in 2025, nine deaths have been reported, including one in Bandipur forest just last Friday.

What makes the MM Hills incident particularly alarming is its unprecedented nature: never before have five tigers—a tigress and her four cubs—died simultaneously in the state. Typically, the deaths in Karnataka's forests have involved one or two tigers, often juveniles or similarly aged animals.

Before this, there were only three documented cases of tigers dying due to poisoning in the state. In 2019, a tiger died in Nagarahole after consuming poison laid out for wild boars. Another poisoning occurred in 2021 in the Kali Tiger Reserve. A more gruesome case unfolded in 2023 in Kebbepura, Bandipur, where a poisoned tiger was tied to a stone and dumped into a stream.

In response to the recent tragedy, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre has ordered a detailed investigation. He has directed senior forest officials to submit comprehensive reports on each of the 82 tiger deaths, categorising them as natural or unnatural. The minister has questioned whether proper investigations were carried out in all unnatural death cases and whether conclusive reports were filed.

Khandre has also sought information on whether any of the dead tigers were found with missing body parts such as claws or teeth an indication of poaching and whether any disciplinary action was taken against negligent officials. He further demanded updates on the number of poaching suspects arrested, how many have been convicted, and the reasons behind any delays in pending cases.

> **"Despite strong laws, rising tiger deaths especially five at once indicate serious gaps in wildlife protection and enforcement efforts**
> – Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre

A status report covering all tiger poaching cases, ongoing investigations, convictions, and departmental action has been ordered and is to be submitted to the minister within 10 days.

In a related development, the minister has called for an inquiry into the reported death of a leopard in the MM Hills Forest area. Around the same time as the tiger deaths in Hoogyam, a leopard was reportedly found dead in the Kaudalli zone near the Ramapura–Martalli border. Reports suggest the leopard's legs were mutilated.

Minister Khandre has directed a team, led by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (APCCF), to investigate the leopard's death. If it is confirmed that the animal's limbs were deliberately severed, he has asked for immediate recommendations on disciplinary action against those responsible. This report is expected within seven days. The spate of recent wildlife deaths in MM Hills has drawn widespread attention and cast a shadow over Karnataka's otherwise successful conservation record. The findings of these investigations are expected to play a key role in shaping future protective measures for the state's endangered big cats.

Hassan heart attack cases: Young at risk?

A disturbing spike in heart attack-related deaths in Hassan district has drawn serious attention from health authorities and district officials. Between May 28 and June 29, 2025, a total of 18 individuals reportedly died due to cardiac arrest across the district. What has raised particular concern is that these deaths span a wide range of age groups, including teenagers and young adults.

According to data from the Health Department, four individuals under the age of 20—two male and two female died of heart attacks. One death was recorded in the 21–29 age group, involving a young woman. Among those aged 30 to 40, five men succumbed to cardiac arrest, while the 41–59 age group accounted for seven deaths, all male. One case was reported among individuals aged over 60. The rising toll, especially among the young, has triggered urgent action.

A Health Department official said a high-level meeting was convened on June 30 at the Deputy Commissioner's office in Hassan. The meeting was chaired by the Principal Secretary of the Department of Health and Family Welfare and attended by senior medical officials, including

the Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences. A district-level committee has now been formed to investigate and verify the cause behind each reported case.

To examine any possible link between the sudden cardiac deaths and the aftermath of COVID-19 or its vaccines, an expert committee headed by the Jayadeva Institute Director will lead a scientific study. The investigation will be carried out in coordination with Hassan Institute of Medical Sciences, and the committee has been asked to submit a report within 10 days.

As per STEMI program data, 23 deaths were reported in 2023–24, 21 in 2024–25, and 16 deaths between January and June 2025. — BMB

Over 1.42 lakh fail Hindi, rekindling language policy row

Fresh data backs claims that Hindi imposition is hurting Karnataka students' performance and mental well-being

In a development that adds fuel to the ongoing debate over the imposition of Hindi, data released by the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board confirms that over 1.42 lakh students failed in Hindi in the 2024-25 SSLC exams. The revelation comes just days after Tamil Nadu Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi alleged that students in Karnataka were being failed in large numbers due to the forced inclusion of Hindi in the school curriculum.

According to official figures, 7,21,782 students appeared for the SSLC Hindi exam held in March-April 2024. Of them, 5,79,382 passed translating to a pass percentage of 80.27. The remaining 1,42,400 students failed in the subject, triggering fresh criticism over language policy decisions in Karnataka.

Sources in the education board said that this is not an isolated instance. Each year, Hindi accounts for over one lakh student failures, making it one of the main reasons behind overall exam failure rates in the state.

Poyyamozhi had earlier pointed to this trend, claiming that nearly

90,000 students fail Hindi every year in Karnataka. He said the recurring pattern highlights serious flaws in the central government's approach to language education, particularly in states where Hindi is not a native or commonly spoken language. His remarks, initially dismissed as politically motivated, now seem to find some backing in the state's own data.

> **"Mass failure in Hindi highlights systemic flaws in language policy affecting students' futures** – Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi
> Tamil Nadu Education Minister

The debate over Hindi as a mandatory third language in schools has been gaining traction across Karnataka. Education experts and activists argue that forcing students to learn Hindi puts unnecessary pressure on them, especially when it is not used in daily life. Many students from rural areas and government schools are said to be the worst affected due to lack of access to proper instruction.

That concern is further compounded by a significant shortage of Hindi teachers in government schools. Of the 5,060 sanctioned posts, only 3,532 have been filled. The remaining 1,528 vacancies have resulted in inconsistent and often substandard Hindi teaching across classes 5 to 10 a gap that hits underprivileged students the hardest, and is widely seen as a key factor in the low success rate in the subject.

After the chaos, comes order

Standard Operating Procedure mandates venue safety audits, crowd risk-mapping and more

In the aftermath of the stampede incident at Chinnaswamy Stadium during the RCB victory celebrations, the Karnataka Police Department has rolled out a comprehensive Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to overhaul crowd management at public gatherings. The SOP rolled out on June 26 by Director General and Inspector General of Police Dr MA Saleem includes a detailed framework for event planning, risk assessment, emergency response, and on-ground coordination.

Among the major changes, the SOP now mandates venue safety audits and crowd risk mapping before any major event. It directs officers to verify structural safety, calculate capacity limits, and ensure availability of evacuation routes and signage. During the Chinnaswamy incident, no such audit was conducted, even as massive crowds surged through narrow gates with little control.

The SOP emphasises early planning and coordination with all stakeholders, event organisers, traffic police, medical services, and fire and emergency departments. It mandates that ambulance parking zones be directly linked to the Control Room via the PA system to enable swift medical response. Additionally, all announcements must be centrally controlled to avoid confusion or contradictory messaging, especially during crisis situations, which was relatively absent during the RCB celebration on ground.

File photo of a police man trying to keep the swelling crowds in check outside Chinnaswamy Stadium

Roles assigned

Police deployment has also been restructured. The SOP demands clearly defined duties for each officer, movement control, gate supervision, emergency intervention, and exit regulation.

Medical preparedness has also been addressed. The new protocol requires designated ambulance parking zones and direct coordination with the control room.

Communication systems, or the lack of them, were a major failure during the stampede. The SOP now insists on public address systems, signage, and crowd behaviour monitoring. The SOP introduces mandatory mock drills, behavioural simulations, and early crowd modelling. These drills aim to identify bottlenecks and high-risk zones in advance.

Unit officers to oversee efort

The circular has been dispatched to all police commissioners, inspector generals, and superintendents of police, including those in the Railways and KGF divisions. It places accountability on Unit Officers to ensure implementation. However, the SOP does not mention punitive measures for past negligence, nor does it outline a monitoring mechanism for compliance moving forward. —Atiya Firdos

CAT sets aside suspension of senior IPS officer

Days after the Centre approved the suspension of three IPS officers in connection with the June 4 stampede at Chinnaswamy Stadium, the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) on Tuesday set aside the suspension of Inspector General of Police Vikash Kumar Vikash.

Vikash, who was serving as the Additional Commissioner of Police (West) and was in charge of security during the RCB victory celebration, was among the senior officers suspended after the incident that left 11 dead and dozens injured.

His counsel Dhanush Menon said, "The Tribunal has set aside the suspension based on the illegalities we pointed out, and has directed the reinstatement of the officer to his original post."

In its order, the Tribunal also said that the suspension period should be treated as active service.

The state government is now likely to challenge the CAT order in the High Court.

BURGLARALARM

5 arrested for ₹50 lakh jewellery heist

The KR Puram police have arrested five persons for allegedly robbing a gold shop while supplying disinfectant in May. Narayan Lal, Pushpendra Singh, Kirtan Ram, Mahendra Gehlot and Dilip Kumar, all hailing from Rajasthan, were arrested and 480 grams of gold ornaments worth Rs 50 lakh were seized from them for their involvement in a jewellery shop robbery, police said, adding that 478 grams of gold ornaments valued at ₹50 lakh have been recovered.

According to police, the complainant had left for lunch leaving a worker in charge of the shop on Seegehalli Main Road. Two unidentified men entered the shop, threatened the worker with a knife, and fled with 41 gold chains weighing around 600 grams. Initial investigation revealed that the shop worker had colluded with the robbers. BMB

Two held for burglaries

Police have arrested two men linked to multiple thefts across the city. They were said to have been using fake keys and stolen two-wheelers, to hid stolen gold and silver worth ₹58.6 lakh in jewellery shops and homes, some even across state borders.

A man filed a complaint on November 28, 2024 that 55 grams of gold, 3.5 kg of silver, and ₹5 lakh in cash had been stolen from a cupboard in his house. BMB

Stolen 2-wheeler leads to thief

The Govindarajanagar police have arrested a burglar known for targeting locked homes during the daytime. The accused, identified as Syed (40), who hails from Tumakuru, was nabbed after police traced a stolen two-wheeler used in the crime. Police recovered 305 grams of gold ornaments and the stolen two-wheeler, with a total value of ₹29.55 lakh.

Syed avoided night thefts and instead prowled residential areas during the day on a stolen vehicle. He would survey neighbourhoods and strike when homeowners were away. BMB

32 stolen bikes recovered

The HAL Police have arrested a man in connection with a series of two-wheeler thefts across Bengaluru and surrounding areas. With his arrest, police have recovered 32 stolen bikes worth approximately ₹40 lakh and solved 16 theft cases.

The investigation began with a complaint lodged on June 6, by a resident of Vibhutipur, who reported that his two-wheeler, parked outside his house on February 2, had been stolen overnight. BMB

Phones, laptops pilfered

A storeroom in-charge identified as Subramanya Prasad (34), working in a private company in Electronic City, has been arrested for stealing laptops and iPhones worth ₹19 lakh over one and a half years.

The arrest was made by Parappana Agrahara Police following a complaint filed by the company's senior director on May 19. According to the complaint, the accused, who had been working with the company for three years, misused his access and gradually stole 56 HP laptops and 16 iPhones. BMB

INBRIEF

Neeraj Chopra's B'luru moment

Double Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra found himself in a heartwarming encounter with "a kind-hearted uncle" while strolling down a quiet street in Bengaluru. The unexpected meeting turned into a memorable conversation, showcasing Neeraj's approachable nature and the admiration he garners from fans of all ages.

Neeraj Chopra Classic's official Instagram handle posted a heartwarming reel, "Sometimes, the best moments aren't planned. A quiet street in Bengaluru. A kind-hearted uncle. And a javelin legend who never forgets where he comes from"

As they chatted, the man expressed his deep respect and admiration for Neeraj, saying, "We all respect and admire you. You have brought glory to the whole country." ANI

Trespassing tourists detained

As monsoon magic sets in, hundreds of adventure-seeking Bengalureans are heading to the majestic Dudhsagar Falls each week. However, authorities have issued a stern reminder to visitors after 21 tourists were recently detained for illegally accessing the falls via the railway track, a route strictly prohibited due to safety concerns.

The tourists, who arrived via the Yeshwantpur–Vasco Express on Monday, were found walking along the railway line to reach the falls. The Railway Protection Force (RPF) booked them for trespassing and released them on bail after directing them to pay a court-imposed fine.

The South Western Railway has banned movement along the Castle Rock–Dudhsagar route due to the presence of tunnels, narrow gorges, and wild animals, all posing serious risks. Authorities urge visitors to use only designated, legal trekking paths and avoid restricted railway routes, especially during the treacherous monsoon season. BMB

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Linking suspects to crime scene proves tall task

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making it hard to trace. Even when we recover it, there is always a question — what's the proof that this person actually committed the crime? Without circumstantial and technical evidence, it becomes difficult to establish guilt," Adavath said.

The DCP said that in many of the cases, complainants get their stolen property back. "But when the court hearings begin, often four or five years later they don't show up. Since they've recovered their belongings, they lose interest in pursuing the case further," the senior official added. According to Adavth the biggest hurdles police face is the absence of collective technical evidence.

"It's not enough to rely on statements alone. We need solid, technical evidence to secure convictions, and that's where we often fall short," the senior official explained.

Analysis of theft cases over 5 years

There has been a fluctuating trend in reported theft cases over the years -- peaking in 2023 with 10,629 cases, though the number has seen a slight dip to 9,604 in 2024 and 3,380 so far in 2025.

As far as the number of convictions go, the highest was 44 in 2023, and only a single conviction recorded in 2025 as of late May.

Furthermore, the backlog of cases continues to grow, with cases pending trial reaching a high of 2,031 in 2024.

Figure this out

Year	Reported cases	Convictions	Pending Trial	Under investigation
2021	6,144	41	1,156	1
2022	7,692	41	1,360	4
2023	10,629	44	1,760	57
2023	10,629	44	1,766	57
2024	9,604	32	2,031	1,044
2025 (as of May 25)	3,380	1	278	2,837

A sharp increase in cases "under investigation" is also evident, jumping from just 1 in 2021 to a staggering 2,837 in 2025. This indicates a considerable burden on law enforcement and the judiciary, and a growing backlog in the legal process and ongoing police work.

"Lack of witnesses and faulty investigation often weaken the case from the start. Without proper witness preparation, effective prosecution becomes nearly impossible. During trial, witnesses play a crucial role—and when investigations are flawed, it gives the defence an upper hand, often leading to the accused being declared not guilty," said Ganesh Ravi B Naik, Advocate.

Naik added that usually suspects wear gloves or masks, leaving minimal forensic evidence.

"The challenge of linking suspects to specific crime scenes also complicates proving their involvement in court. This makes it difficult to connect them directly to the crime scene. But more importantly, there's a major gap in how prosecution handles the case during trial. Proving electronic evidence in court, as per the Indian Evidence Act, is also critical and often overlooked," Naik said.

Loose debris most dangerous to 2-wheeler riders

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ourselves in many instances to prevent skidding and accidents," said a senior official attached to the Vijayanagar Traffic Police Station.

Despite repeated warnings to transporters, the issue persists. Officials say that many of these vehicles operate within inner city lanes, away from major checkpoints and inspection points, making it harder to regulate them.

Two-wheeler riders are the most vulnerable. Loose sand or gravel on roads can cause bikes to slip, especially during turns, braking, or in rainy conditions. According to Bengaluru Traffic Police data, over 1,100 minor skidding accidents involving two-wheelers were reported in 2024 alone, many suspected to be caused by loose debris on roads.

In a few tragic instances, such spills have led to major accidents. In November 2023, a techie in Mahalakshmi Layout lost control of his scooter due to mud dumped on the road, sustaining severe head injuries.

Negligence and weak enforcement

Under the Motor Vehicles Act, carrying uncovered loads that pose danger to public safety is punishable by fine. Yet, enforcement remains limited. The last major joint drive between the traffic police and the transport department to penalise uncovered construction vehicles was conducted in March 2024, focusing primarily on Outer Ring Road and arterial routes. However, no sustained or large-scale action has followed since.

"We've been telling drivers to cover the materials properly, but nothing changes," said the police official. Special drives only focus on highways and major roads. The construction activity inside residential and commercial pockets is largely unchecked.

Bescom disconnects power supply to cricket stadium

The Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) has disconnected the electricity supply to the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, which is managed by the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), due to non-compliance with fire safety regulations.

This action was taken after the Director General of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services wrote to the BESCOM Managing Director, directing the disconnection of the stadium's electricity for failing to implement recommended fire safety measures.

Currently, power to the stadium is being supplied through generators.

Earlier, the Karnataka High Court had criticised BESCOM for continuing to provide electricity to the stadium despite clear violations of fire safety protocols.

The matter came up during the hearing of a petition filed by KSCA challenging the disconnection notice issued by BESCOM.

A single-judge bench of Justice S Sunil Dutt Yadav heard the petition filed by the KSCA challenging the notice issued by BESCOM regarding the disconnection of electricity.

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TAKE IT ON THE SHIN

My shins hurt after running. Could it be shin splints?

If you've started running for the first time, started again after a break, or your workout is more intense, you might have felt it. A dull, nagging ache down your shins after you exercise.

Should you push through? Or could it be the sign of something more serious?

Shin splints are one of the most common and preventable injuries among runners, whether new or seasoned.

The good news is they can usually be treated effectively in a few weeks. But it's important to recognise when to take a break. Knowing the simple ways to treat and prevent shin splints can prevent a more serious injury, and get you back on track faster.

What are shin splints?

Shin splints, medically known as medial tibial stress syndrome, are a common overuse injury.

They cause pain along the inner border of the tibia (shinbone), usually triggered by repetitive stress on the lower leg. Your leg may also feel tender or swell.

Shin splints are a type of periostitis, which means inflammation of the tissue lining the bone. The pain often fades with rest but quickly returns once activity resumes.

This kind of injury is especially common in sports such as football, rugby, and track and field, affecting between 4 per cent and 35 per cent of athletes, and up to 20 per cent of runners. It can also affect dancers and military recruits.

What puts you at risk?

Shin splints can appear soon after sudden changes to your physical activity or exercise routine.

For example, you may have started exercising more often or for longer, or more intensely (such as running uphill or for longer distances).

A variety of factors can add fuel to the fire.

They generally fall into two types:

- activity-related (what you do with your body)
- biomechanical (how your body moves or is built).

Aside from sudden spikes in training, activity-related risks include playing sport or running on hard surfaces or exercising in poorly designed shoes. For example, studies of soldiers have shown exercising in unsuitable or worn-out boots increases their risk of overuse injuries in the lower legs, including shin splints.

Diet may make a difference, too. There is evidence not eating enough calcium can make you more susceptible to shin splints. A vitamin D deficiency may also contribute, since it's vital for calcium absorption.

Biomechanical risks can include a higher body mass index (BMI), having one leg longer than the other, tight calf muscles or flat feet (low or unusually inflexible arches).

If your feet roll in too much when you walk or run – often called flat feet or fallen arches – you're also more susceptible.

While some studies suggest female athletes may experience shin splints more often than males, we need more research to fully understand why.

In short, shin splints aren't just a bone issue. They reflect a complex mismatch between how much or hard you train and how your body tries (and sometimes fails) to adapt.

How can I tell if it's something worse?

Shin splints are typically less severe than a stress fracture. This is a small crack in the bone caused by repeated impact or overuse, and usually requires a longer recovery period.

A stress fracture often causes sharp, localised pain that worsens with activity and may even hurt at rest or when touched.

A simple test can help you decide whether to seek additional advice: if you are unable to hop on one leg about ten times without sharp pain, it's time to talk to a physio, sports doctor or podiatrist.

They can assess your symptoms and suggest treatment options. Imaging such as an x-ray or MRI may be used to rule out more serious conditions.

Treatment: rest, rehab, and return

The first and most important treatment is rest. Usually, shin splints resolve over three to four weeks. Continuing to train during the healing process will only prolong recovery and increase the risk of more serious injury.

Other effective strategies include:

- applying ice and compression to reduce swelling
- using anti-inflammatory medications, such as ibuprofen or naproxen
- doing calf stretches to improve flexibility
- wearing supportive shoes or orthotics helps keep your feet and legs properly aligned, reducing strain on the muscles around your ankles and giving your shin splints a better chance to heal.

You'll want to be pain-free for at least three weeks before gradually resuming your exercise routine.

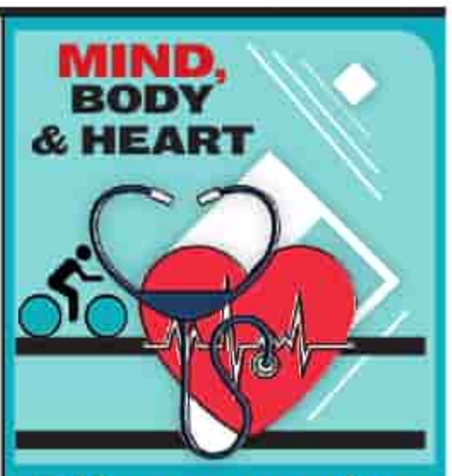
When returning, go slow and build up the amount and intensity of exercise gradually.

Prevention is the best treatment

Preventing shin splints is all about balance and preparation. Here are some evidence-based tips:

- warm up thoroughly and stretch your calves and Achilles tendon regularly
- use shock-absorbing insoles or orthotics if you experience ongoing pain, have flat feet, or your shoes wear out unevenly – it's best to speak with a podiatrist or physiotherapist to find out what's right for you
- check your shoes — replace them when worn out or every 240 kilometres
- vary your training surface (mix in grass or softer tracks)
- strengthen the muscles of the lower leg and hips to improve the way you move
- increase mileage and intensity gradually.

(By Krissy Kendall and Caitlin Fox-Harding, Edith Cowan University, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Vitamin patches

Insta-worthy

Vitamin patches: tiny stickers that claim to deliver your daily vitamins straight through your skin—no swallowing required are becoming viral. For anyone who grimaces at pills but still wants to keep their health (or insta!) game strong, these patches are quickly becoming the new must-have.

What are they

You've probably heard of nicotine or pain relief patches—they stick to your skin and release their ingredients directly into your bloodstream. Vitamin patches work on the same principle, aiming to deliver nutrients through your skin and bypass your digestive system for supposedly better absorption. "However, these medications are specially formulated with small, fat-soluble molecules that can penetrate the skin barrier. Most vitamins, especially water-soluble ones like B12, C, or folate, are larger and not easily absorbed through the skin," argues Dr. Trupti Agarwal, Consultant Dermatologist, Sir HN Reliance Foundation Hospital, Mumbai.

Do they actually work

Here's the catch: science isn't fully convinced yet. There's limited evidence to prove that vitamins absorbed this way are as effective as traditional supplements. After all, not every nutrient or medication can easily pass through the skin barrier. "Currently, there's limited scientific evidence to support that vitamin patches provide reliable or effective absorption. Your skin is an excellent barrier—it's meant to keep things out, not let just anything in," confirms Dr Trupti.

While these patches may seem convenient and Instagram-friendly, they shouldn't replace a balanced diet or medically prescribed supplements—especially for those with known deficiencies. "They're low-risk, but likely low-reward too. Until more research is available, think of them more as a wellness gimmick than a guaranteed solution," she suggests.

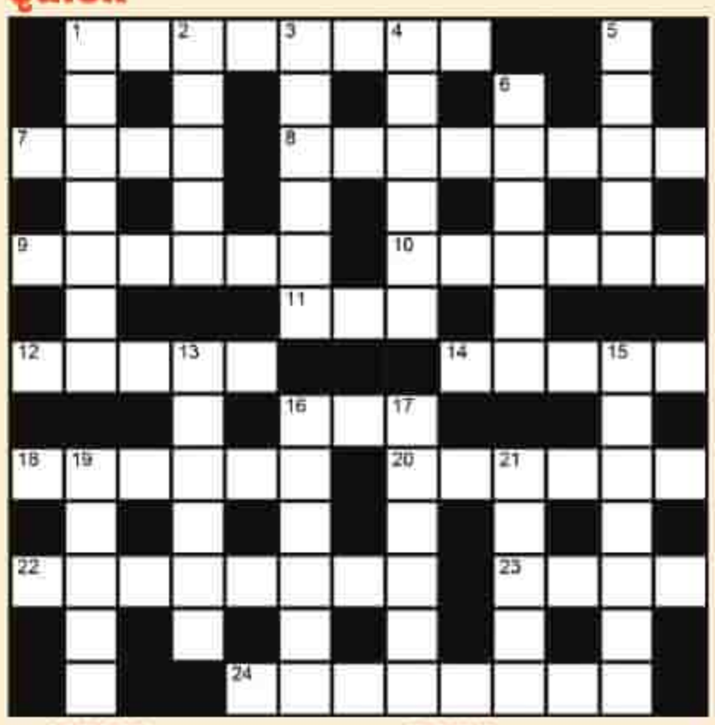
—Femina

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.

Quick



ACROSS

1 Sloppy (8)
7 Plunge (4)
8 Irking or pestering (8)
9 Largest of islands forming Japan (6)
10 Entice; appeal (6)
11 Plague (3)
12 Instruments played by angels (5)
14 Advanced furtively (5)
16 Gear tooth (3)
18 Blue pencil man (6)
20 Invest in holy order (6)
22 Golf trophy–"Cry prude" anagram? (5,3)
23 Ballot (4)
24 Dummy's contract bridge partner? (8)

DOWN

1 Karnataka district known for its trekking trails (7)
2 Regions (5)
3 Draft or prepare (4,2)
4 Grammatical structure (6)
5 Large country house (5)
6 Pupil protector (6)
13 Put in a jar? (6)
15 Radio source (7)
16 Daycare centre (6)
17 ___ truth : nothing can be more true? (6)
19 Wood nymph (5)
21 Channel port (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: M EQUALS U

HVMD UXPDJZ UNXPJ OU SE-JDJ HVM PXL KOLZ HVMDUJGK XQXOL XLZ XQXOL.

Linemaro

If I knew I was going to die tomorrow, I would spend every second thinking about you

Mindchow

Of all the diversions of life, there is none so proper to fill up its empty spaces as the reading of useful and entertaining authors

Joke of the day

Apparently, one in five people in the world are Chinese... and there are five people in my family, so it must be one of them.

Loop

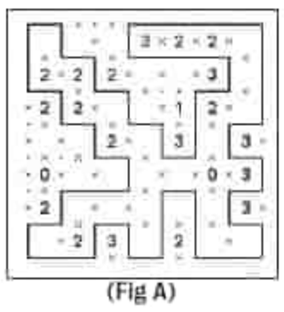
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

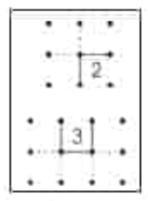
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

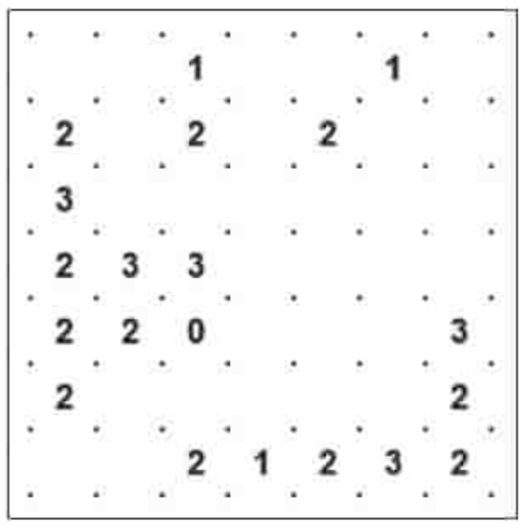
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



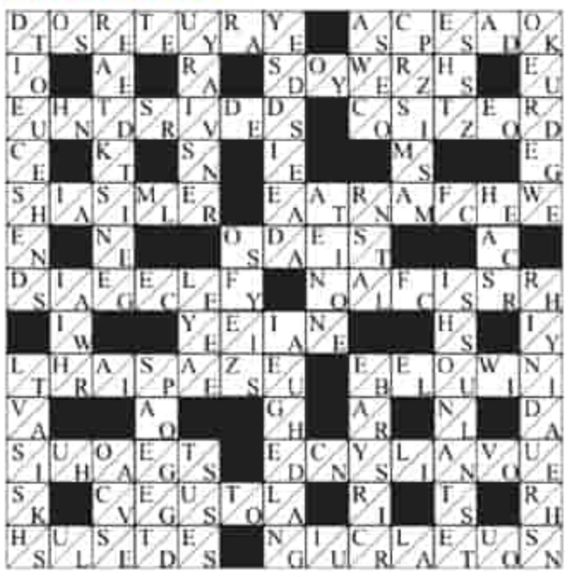
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



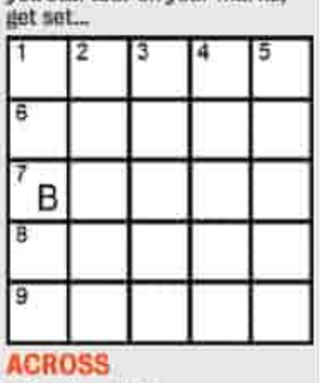
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Basts; 6 Agree;
7 Rabid; 8 Suing;
9 In gym

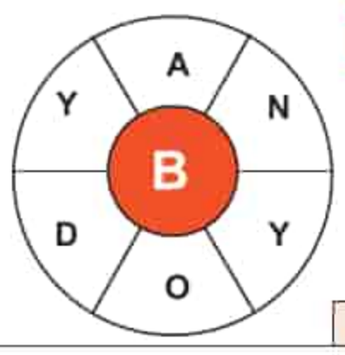
DOWN

1 Embus; 2 Astir;
3 I Naga; 4 Big RN;
5 Edgy S

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?

3	8
11	5
16	6
22	10
32	12
44	?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 06 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

5								1
2	8	1	5		4	9	3	7
		6				5		
	6		7		5		2	
	3		4		1		8	
		3				4		
9	4	7	3		6	2	1	5
8								6

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

÷ × + −

Easy

[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] = 11

3 4 9 9

Medium

[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] = 6

4 5 5 9

Hard

[ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ][ ] = 50

3 5 8 9

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

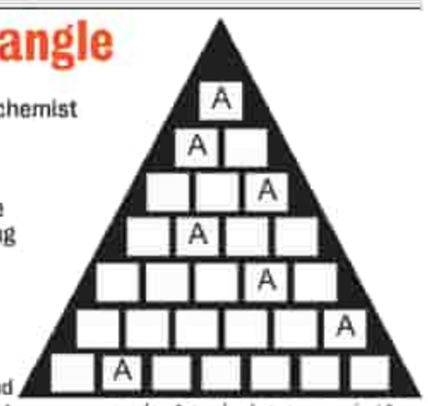
Differences: 1. Bottom of snowman is wider. 2. Club is longer. 3. Snowman's arm is moved. 4. Hat is different. 5. Bush is added. 6. Scarf is different.

Riddler

If to you I'm given you should thankfully receive,
Then look me over carefully, just don't look at my teeth. Show me to a cool stream and I'll follow willingly, Though I might not do what you want, although parched I may be, But if you're really hungry and are looking for a bite, I don't think you could eat me even though you say you might. Decipher all these clues and then together they should tie To help you solve the question which, of course, is "what am I?"

Alpha triangle

1 Blood gr.
2 Astatine for the chemist
3 Afternoon drink
4 Not on time
5 Rose part
6 Basque ball game
7 Frog in the making



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Popeye

PAPPY HAS ME WORRIED... HE HAS LEFT HOME ON ACCOUNT OF HE SEZ EVIL IS COMIN' TO ME HOUSE!
HE IS NEVER WRONG ABOUT EVIL!!
BLOW ME DOWN! IT MUST HAVE ARRIVED!
HELP! DISASTER! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!!

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

OMG, I'M SO SORRY FOR GETTING YOUR PAPER WET! HERE, LET'S USE THE DRYERS IN THE BATHROOM.
WHY DIDN'T YOU USE THE DRYER INSTEAD OF FLINGING YOUR HANDS AROUND?!
HONESTLY, GREAT QUESTION.
-2:07

Crankshaft

THE PROBLEM IS THAT IF I PICK UP THIS FIRST VOLUME OF THE COLLECTION...
I'M GOING TO WANT EVERY OTHER VOLUME.
OUR BUSINESS IS FUELED BY OCD...
'OBSESSIVE-COLLECTING DISORDER'!

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may feel happy and positive. Long-standing health issues within the family might begin to show improvement. Stuck funds may finally be recovered, enhancing your business liquidity. Those in jobs might receive incentives, strengthening their financial position. Job seekers could secure employment through a reference from a relative or friend. Students may benefit from academic support from their peers.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Your creativity may inspire you to renovate your home or workspace. You'll stay focused on your goals, but mental exhaustion from overwork might cause stress and restlessness, affecting your domestic harmony. Students are advised to avoid daydreaming and instead follow a structured timetable with dedication and willpower.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Impatience may affect your workflow today, possibly leading to small mistakes and project delays. Postpone any investment in fixed assets for now. However, with the help of destiny, things may improve by evening, and you'll regain focus and control over your tasks.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Good news from a sibling may uplift your spirits. You'll enjoy spending quality time with family and friends. Creative ideas may inspire you to renovate your living or work space. A new partnership with a family member could prove fruitful in the near future. Colleagues at work may support you with ongoing projects.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Blessings from the Moon may bring positivity today. You might plan to renovate your home or office but are advised to stay within budget to avoid affecting your savings. Be mindful of your words—your bluntness might hurt loved ones. Minor health issues related to teeth, throat, ears, or nose could surface.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today brings peace of mind and contentment. You'll perform efficiently in your professional life, and subordinates may support you in making key business decisions. You might consider launching a new venture with help from siblings or your professional network. To maintain your energy levels, ensure you get adequate rest.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You may feel detached from your responsibilities today and might overspend on unnecessary items, which could attract negativity at home or the workplace. Be cautious of rivals; they may try to undermine you. Read documents thoroughly before signing anything to avoid complications.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You'll enjoy harmony in both personal and professional life today. Your polite demeanor will help you complete work smoothly. New sources of income may emerge, boosting your savings. Plans to renovate your home or office may move forward. Those in jobs could receive promotions or recognition.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You'll be busy at work today, and your wisdom will guide you in making sound decisions that support business growth. A large order or new opportunity may come your way. You might use your creative skills to enhance your living or work space, improving your public image. Investment in creative assets is also likely.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
With the Moon's blessings, your patience will help you tackle challenges effectively. You may enjoy your work and possibly plan a short business trip, where assistance from siblings or colleagues will strengthen your network. Job seekers should leverage their connections to find suitable opportunities.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Health issues and lack of proper rest may leave you feeling irritable today. Avoid arguments at work or home to maintain peace. You might feel drawn towards the occult or find yourself in a period of introspection. Fortunately, your good karma and the support of elders may help you navigate this emotional turbulence.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may plan to renovate your home and purchase decorative or creative items to enhance your environment and status. Investment in property or other assets is likely. Romantic relationships will strengthen, and singles may find a potential partner. Lovebirds might make important decisions regarding marriage.

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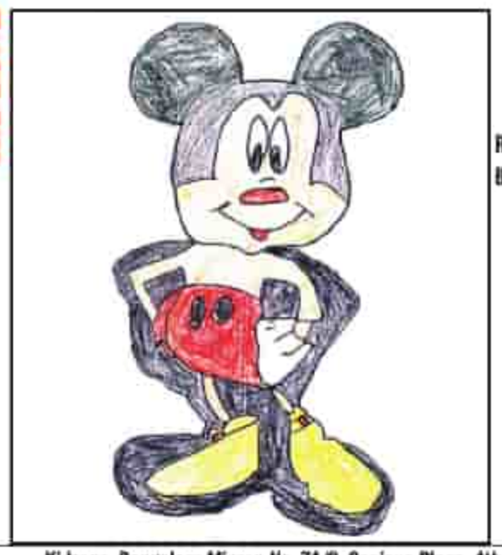

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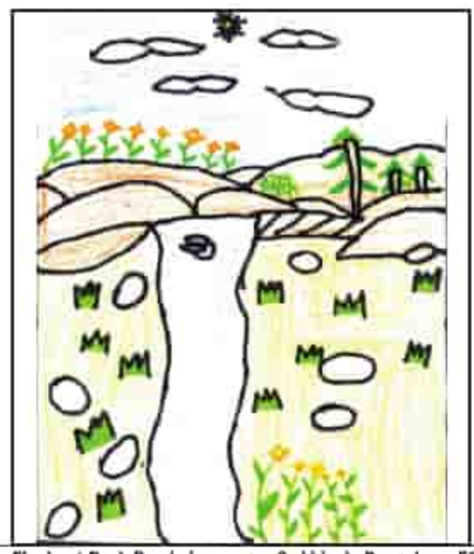

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
2/2+8/4×16/1 =
1+2×16 =
1+32 = 33

BULL'S EYE
ANYBODY, band, bandy, body, bond, bony

STRIKE OUT

S	U	E	D	E	■	N	U	C	L	E	U	S
K	■	V	E	S	T	A	■	I	■	T	■	R
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FAST FIVE

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B	R	A	I	D
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M	I	N	G	Y

RIDDLER Horse.

QUOTE UNCODE
Your sacred space is where you can find yourself again and again.

QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
20. Working from top to bottom, the sum of the numbers in each row is put in the left hand box on the row below, and the difference between the two numbers in each row is put in the right hand box on the row below.

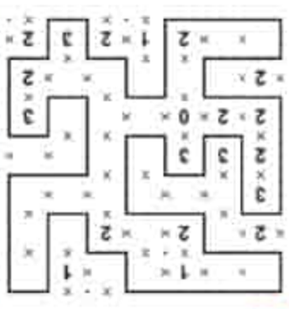
SUDOKU

5	9	4	2	7	3	8	6	1
2	8	1	5	6	4	9	3	7
3	7	6	8	1	9	5	4	2
4	6	8	7	9	5	1	2	3
1	2	9	6	3	8	7	5	4
7	3	5	4	2	1	6	8	9
6	1	3	9	5	2	4	7	8
9	4	7	3	8	6	2	1	5
8	5	2	1	4	7	3	9	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
A, At, Tea, Late, Petal, Pelota, Tadpole.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 – 4 – 3 + 9 = 11
Medium
4 × 5 – 5 – 9 = 6
Hard
5 × 9 + 8 – 3 = 50

LOOP



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Red carpet debut with boyfriend— Actress and film producer Reese Witherspoon's daughter Ava Phillippe stepped out on the red carpet at the Charlize Theron Africa Outreach Project alongside her boyfriend, Dakota Brubaker, reported E! News

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Students on a song

The team of Adondittu Kaala unveiled the second song of the movie in a unique way. The song - Arere Yaaro Ivalu – was unveiled by 10th Grade students of a Mallasandra school. The song featuring Vinay Rajkumar and Nisha Ravikrishnan as 10th Grade students in the 1990s setting can transport listeners to school.

The first song – Mungaaru Maleyalli – released recently got 36 million views on YouTube and many fans of Vinay Rajkumar made reels based on the song. The movie is scheduled to arrive in theatres on August 29. Vinay said he was very happy with the success of the first song. "The second song that is unveiled now is my favourite. I play a 16-year-old student in this song and it was challenging for me. It was tough for me to lose weight to appear in a student getup," said Vinay.

Nisha Ravikrishnan said she plays a small but significant character. "I thank the director and the producer for their cooperation," said Nisha. Debutant director Keerthi Krishnappa said he was very happy with the tremendous response for the song Mungaru Maleyali.

It is a release date

The film Capital City finally has a release date. The movie was supposed to release in January but was postponed. Now the director and the 20-member team of producers have decided to release it on July 4 across the state.

Capital City is the 11th movie for R Ananth Raju who makes a comeback to Sandalwood with this movie after a gap of nine years. Raju's previous movie was Kalpana 2 that was released in 2016.

Capital City, set against the backdrop of Bengaluru underworld, is the second movie for Rajeev Reddy as a hero. Veteran character actor Ravi Shankar, who plays the villain in the movie, said his journey with the team was good. "Rajeev Reddy has acted well. I play a different role in the movie. I appeal to moviegoers to encourage this movie," he said. Director Raju said the movie has turned out well. "The movie revolves around a youth who struggles to come out of the grip of an underworld don," the director said. He said Prerana is paired opposite Rajeev Reddy.

Motherhood penalty

Konkana explains how difficult it is for working mothers without support

Konkona Sen Sharma, who will soon be seen in Anurag Basu's Metro In Dino, recently talked about the challenges of balancing work and personal life in the film industry. She also shared her thoughts on what changes are needed to better support working parents.

In an interview with Firstpost, the 'Wake Up Sid' actress, stated, "I genuinely want to say that in today's day and age, there is a certain motherhood penalty in any industry, which happens. It's called the fatherhood premium and the motherhood penalty. Because what happens is that fathers, as they have children and they become more and more senior, they earn more and more. But for women with every child, there is a financial setback because you're not able to kind of participate in the way society expects you to or for that matter what the office work demands."

> "It is getting harder to balance work and being a good mother

The actress expressed concern that it's becoming increasingly difficult for women to manage both their careers and motherhood. She pointed out that this might discourage many women from having children. According to her, it's getting harder to balance work and being a good mother, and unless governments step in and introduce supportive policies for working mothers, real change won't happen.

Konkona Sen Sharma and Ranvir Shorey got married in 2010 but separated five years later. Their divorce was finalized in 2020. They have a son named Haroon and continue to co-parent him. —ETimes

Spare the clicks

Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt, who have been fiercely protective of their daughter Raha Kapoor's privacy, were spotted at the Mumbai airport on Monday night along with veteran actor Neetu Kapoor. The trio, dressed in stylish yet comfortable airport looks, posed graciously for photographs, but drew a firm line when it came to their little one.

As the family headed to their car to pick up Raha, Ranbir was seen politely requesting the paparazzi to turn off their cameras. While no official destination was revealed, it appeared the Kapoor-Bhatt family was headed for a vacation together.

The star couple was dressed in effortlessly chic travel attire. Ranbir looked sharp in a blue tracksuit, while Alia kept it cool in a white Tshirt, black palazzos, and a baseball cap. Neetu Kapoor also looked radiant in a blue shirt and matching trousers. After posing with Alia, Ranbir made sure to pose with his mother as well, showing their usual warmth and camaraderie.

While the public got a glimpse of baby Raha last Christmas, Ranbir and Alia have since maintained a guarded stance when it comes to her media exposure.

—ETimes

See you on the snap side

Rashmika Mandanna continues to captivate audiences both on screen and online. Recently, she expanded her social media presence by joining Snapchat. Excited to share this update, she posted a video on her Instagram stories, revealing her new Snapchat ID to fans eager to stay connected with her latest updates.

The actress explained that she's always wanted a platform where she could be more accurate and spontaneous. She said, "Hi guys! Well, you know that I've always wanted a space where I can be a little more raw, a little more real, and now I'm here on Snapchat." She plans to share everything from behind-the-scenes moments to fun, goofy snippets, even before her social media team gets involved, adding, "If you're watching this, thank you so much."

She added, "You have been with me through literally everything so far, and I can't wait to take you along on even more. See you all soon, my loves. Loads of love."

Sharing the clip, she wrote, "Guess who's finally on Snapchat??? Yup, meeee!! See you on the snap side."

Mandanna has had a packed year so far, with multiple films releasing one after another. She started this impressive streak with 'Chhaava', a period drama led by Vicky Kaushal. The movie became one of the top earners of the year and was met with strong positive reviews. —ETimes